# AFFINITY THEORY RIGHT SAYS CLUB; EARLE NOT ALONE

### New Yorkers Practice Belief and Defend the Artist.

NEW YORK. Cct. 1 .- Hard upon the heels of the furore created by the Earle "affinity" case there develops the fact that Ferdinand Pinney Earle, far from being alone in his belief, is only one of an established clique in this city. Among the 300 members of the Sunrise Club, a ocialistic organization whose members are nearly all identified in some way with the Rand School of Social brience are anywhere from fifty to one hundred men and women who are converts to the peculiar views of the marriage relation so sensationally advanced by the artist.

It is said that many of these people practice what they belitve to be the true tate of happiness between the Some of them hold to the affinity laea, others are even more radical, and all consider that the formula of marriage is futile and unnecessary. For the most part they are men and women of intellectuality and educa-tion, and some of them are wealthy. Edwin C. Walker, of 244 West 143d

sireet, is the secretary of the Sunrise Club. He has written a number of pampilets advancing his views. Re-garding the Earle incident in particular, he said yesterday:

### Earle's Only Mistake.

"If Mr. Earle had not made a public matter of his private affairs he would not have been subjected to subsequent annoyance, abuse, and assault. here his blameworthiness ends and that of the press and public begins. The existence of a child or children alone gives society any reason for interfer-ence, and then only if there is good rea-son for anticipating neglect and suffer-ing. There was no such reason in this

ing. There was no such reason in this case.

"These two persons, a man and a woman, who presumably were capable of self-direction, agreed to go separate ways. This was their business. It was no consern of the press, the clergy, the law, or their neighbors. The presence of another woman does not, in equity, in the least complicate the case. The affair remains still the business, strictly, of the persons immediately concerned." In a pamphlet he has written on "Love and the Law," Mr. Walker says: "If love between the sexes is right and proper under any circumstances, statute laws cannot change that rightfulness and propriety. But the thought and action must harmonize. Such relations are wrong, for those who think they are wrong. In a word, we are morally innocent when we live in accordance with the best light we have. The law has nothing to do in affairs so delicate and private as these."

### Deprecates Marriage Service.

The repeating of a form of words, the mumbling of a promise before a priest or justice can add nothing to the sacredness of love or the binding force of parental responsibility. And because or parental responsibility. And because men believe that these foolish ceremonies have in them some peculiar and saving virtue, we have the saddening fact of the almost total absence of lonor in the sexual dealings of men with women. They have been taught to regard as holy the enslaving letter of the thy and gave no thought to the obligations of horor.

"Instead of cultivating self respect and manly loyalty to all that is just and true, the law has debased man to the level of a mere automaton; has made him depend for his virtue upon the edicts of the self-constituted custodians of other person's morals. Instead of encouraging him to be frank and fair in his sexual relations, it has offered him every inducement to shirk the responsibilities of his actions.

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"Finally, legal marriage, by its autocracy, its narrowness, its blind selfishness, its greed of exclusive powession, its jcalousies and rivalries, is an evil, a great evil, and that continually. It blights the brightest and sweetest flowers springing in the gardens of the human heart."

### Earle's Theory Old.

James F. Morton, jr., a lawyer, with offices at 34 Park row, is a friend of Walker's and also believes that Earle has been unjustly treated.

"The significant element in the Earle case," said he yesterday, "is not the affinity theory, which was long ago expressed by Goethe and is much older than Earle. The doctrine of an eternal soul mate belongs to metaphysics, rather than to that of sociology.

## Unwritten Law Obsolete; Kufflummuxed, Says Judge; So Guide Your Hot Temper

The "unwritten law" has been condemned Kumummuxed. No longer can as frate citizea, upon feeling that his reputation has been assailed, step around the corner and severely chastise his slanderer. He cannot even hit his enemy with a coupling pln. Judge Mullowny decided in the Police Court this morning that that principal known to courts as the "lex non scripta," is obsolete.

This question was brought up by a certain car conductor who possesses an irritable disposition and a deep-rooted sense of honor. Elmer Griffith is his name. He was in court on the charge.

The "unwritten law" has been concluder for a long time, and I have burned death. The victim is Joseph Lennon the passe cald to death by the overturning of a pan filled with boiling milk. Since

name. He was in court on the charge of assault, William Downing, also a conductor, saying that he had been severely mauled by Griffith while the latter was sufering from dangerous hall-

### Signs on His Face.

Unquestionably Downing had been as saulted. His face bore marks of hav-ing been scientifically "punched" by a centlemen thoroughly well versed in the "manly art."

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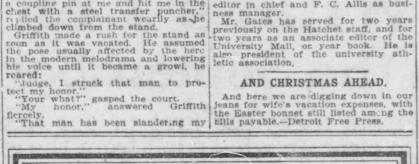
"The trouble with that man," said Downing as he slowly and painfully climbed upon the witness stand, "is that he don't know how to take a joke."

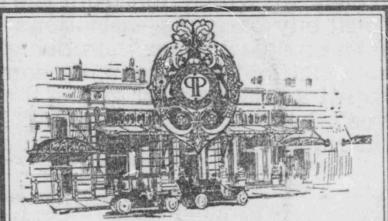
"I haven't said a word about anybedy," he continued, "in fact, I am not in the habit of talking about people. Griffith came up to me in the car barn and punched me in the face and jaw and—"

"Yes," said the court, "he punched you, what else?"
"Oh nothing much except he threw coupling pin at me and hit me in the clest with a steel transfer puncher," cilled the complainant wearily as he elimbed down from the stand.
Griffith made a rush for the stand as coon as it was vacated. He assumed the pose usually affected by the herc in the modern melodrama and lowering his voice until it became a growl, he reared:

"But the coupling pill: insisted the court.
Griffith was silent.
"Yvell," said Judge Mullowny finally after waiting for some time for the defendant to speak, "this court is sorry to state that it doesn't uphold the 'unwritten law.' Twenty dollars."
Whereupon some person with a poorly developed sense of reverence remarked that a reputation was a mighty expensive thing to keep.

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the orders Mrs. Lennon has reached a detachments are patrolling the observed them. Saturday she placed a day as a precaution against an outbreak pan of milk on the stove and boiled it, and then placed it on the table to cool. of violence following the discovery that

### MRS. A. G. VANDERBILT **ESCAPES AUTO INJURY**

NEWPORT, Oct. 1.-Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt had a narrow escape from injury wher her automobile, in which she was driving up Mill street, with her niece, Miss Pauline French, and Willing Spencer, was run into by another autonobile, owned by Walker Smith, of New York, at Spring and Mill streets. Boland Arter, chauffeur for Mrs. Van derbilt, tried to force his machine past the other, but could not wholly clear, and the Smith machine struck the Van derbilt car on the rear wheel.

Louis Moreau, who was driving the

BELGRADE, Servia, Oct. 1.-Cavaly Maxim and Milan Novakovics, the two child seized the cloth and overturned former army officers found dead in jall Public excitement has increased rather than abated within the past few hours, and despite the fact that the police pre-fect in charge of the prison has been ordered tried on a capital charge, the people are bent on killing him.

One of the Novakovics was editor of an anti-regicide journal, and both were well known, highly thought of, and members of a prominent family.

# JESSE LEWISOHN ILL;

NEW YORK. Oct. 1.-Jesse Lewisohn Smith car, but on the emergency brakes, but could not avoid the collision. The quick application of the brakes threw out Mrs. Moreau, who was with her husband, and she received a fracture of her right arm.

\*\*Rew Tork Oct 1—Jesse Lewisonn, member of the millionaire family of that name, is in a serious condition at Mt. Sinai Hospital, as the result of a surgical operation. It is stated that the operation was for cancer of the stomach.

When a girl talks to a man on the

"But," asked the proprietor of the treet, and he leans up against a wall Bong-tong apartments, "do you think while he talks, that is the kind of a this man is the best one you can get ran to shake, and shake promptly. for janitor?" The best ever!" replied the manager. "He has been at various times an iceman, a coalman, and a street hasn't eneugh energy to make him worthy of any girl's chasc.—Atchison Giobe.

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